

Appl. Serial No. 10/817,335
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I. Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

-- ~~This is a~~ This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/266,518, filed October 8, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/384,130, filed August 27, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,471,994, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/992,073, filed December 17, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,103,219, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/724,613, filed September 30, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,884, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/370,576, filed January 9, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,585,115. The entire disclosures of U.S. Application Serial Nos. 10/266,518, 09/384,130, 08/992,073, 08/724,613, and 08/370,576, are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.--